Probe into Allotment of Petrol Pumps

1999. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two-judge Committee, probing into scam relating to allotment of 417 petrol pumps during the NDA rule, has submitted its report to the Supreme Court recommending cancellation of nearly 65 per cent of them;

(b) if so, the details in regard thereto; and

(c) the details of decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) The highpowered committee, comprising two retired Judges, appointed by the Supreme Court of India to enquire into certain selection made by the erstwhile Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs), submitted its report to the Court on 29.9.2004. Out of the 409 cases of retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships considered by the Committee, 297 cases have been recommended for cancellation.

The Court is now expected to take a decision in the matter on the basis of the report of this Committee. Further action by the Government in this regard will depend on the orders of the Court.

Sanctions of Petrol Pumps, LPG and Kerosene Outlets

2000. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the findings of Justice S.C. Agarwal Committee on irregular allotments of petrol pumps and LPG agencies;

(b) the number of irregular allotments which were made and to whom;

(c) the number of persons who were allotted petrol pumps, LPG and Kerosene outlets in Karnataka;

(d) what action Government are willing to take against errant persons/ officials responsible for such allotment; and

(e) the status of such irregular allotments of petrol pumps, LPG and Kerosene outlets?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Out of the 409 cases of selection of dealers/ distributors for retail outlet dealerships (petrol pumps), LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships examined by a Two-Judge Committee appointed by the Supreme Court of India, 297 cases have been recommended by the Committee for cancellation.

(c) Out of the cases referred to the Two-Judge Committee, the number of cases relating to the State of Karnataka was 24.

(d) and (e) The Supreme Court of India is now expected to take a decision in the matter on the basis of the report of the Committee. Further action by the Government in this regard will depend on the orders of the Court.

Gas Pipeline Project in Kochi

2001. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the installation of gas pipeline project in Kochi, connected wtih the LNG terminal, pending for sanction;

(b) whether Government accorded permission for the project and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the proposed project is likely to be commenced and completed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) GAIL (India) Limited (GAIL) has conceptualized the laying of three pipeline networks from Kochi to Kayamkulam, Manglore and Bangalore for the supply of regassified LNG from the proposed Kochi LNG terminal.

(b) and (c) GAIL is a Navratna company and its Board is empowered to decide implementation of such projects, subject to Government policy.